

Executive Registry

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Dear Mr. Turner:

In early 1967, I graduated from boot camp in Chicago with orders to report to the U.S.S. Horne (DLG-30) at Hunter's Point in San Francisco.

It was at this time that I became a Gunner's Mate striker, later a third class Gunner's Mate, in the Weapons Division and worked for you in preparing the U.S.S. Horne for sea duty.

I was stationed aboard the U.S.S. Horne until we returned to the United States from our Viet Nam tour. My experience aboard the U.S.S. Horne was of a very gratifying nature, from expanding my knowledge of the Navy and our military power, to the excitement of crossing the equator.

I recall how myself and fellow shipmates would talk at different times about you being captain of the U.S.S. Horne at what was considered a relatively young age for a captain. It was general knowledge that you were well on your way to becoming an even more influential person in our society. It makes me extremely proud to have served under you and to know that you are the director of the C.I.A. and using the same expertise, greatly exhanced in regulating many of our country's policies.

I thank you for the leadership and guidance you showed me at a time that was very critical in my life.

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If I might impose, I would be very proud to receive possibly a picture of you as director of the C.I.A. with your signature which I would like to display in my office. Also, if possible, anything that would connect you and I aboard the U.S.S. Horne, which we are both a plank owner.

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[REDACTED] If ever at any time I could be of any service to you, or my country, please feel completely free to contact me.

Thank you very much for your time and trouble.

Sincerely,

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